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ACTION EB-07

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FM AMEMBASSY BRIDGETOWN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1617

INFO AMEMBASSY CARACAS

AMEMBASSY GEORGETOWN

AMEMBASSY KINGSTON

AMEMBASSY PORT OF SPAIN

AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

C O N F I D E N T I A L BRIDGETOWN 2016

E.O. 11652: GDS (IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE)

TAGS: EAIR, PINR, CU,TD, BB

SUBJ: CUBANA CRASH: FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS

1. AIR CANADA EMPLOYEE HAS INFORMED US THAT, ACCORDING TO BRITISH EXPERT ENGAGED IN INVESTIGATION, EXAMINATION OF PIECE OF WRECKAGE OF CUBANA AIRLINER RECOVERED SOME DAYS AGO HAS CONFIRMED SUPPOSITION THAT AIRLINER WAS DESTROYED BY MEANS OF BOMB PLANTED IN REAR LAVATORY.

2. ANOTHER EMBASSY SOURCE, QUOTING OFFICIAL IN CIVIL AVIATION DIVISION, HAS TOLD US THAT GOB RELUCTANT TO REQUEST EXTRADITION OF TWO SUSPECTED SABOTEURS, BECAUSE EXTRADITING, IMPRISONING AND PROSECUTING SUSPECTS WOULD ENTAIL EXPENDITURE OF LARGE SUM OF MONEY; WHOLE BARBADIAN SOCIETY WOULD BE UPSET FOR AN INDETERMINATE PERIOD OF TIME; AND MOST IMPORTANT, BARBADOS WOULD BECOME TARGET FOR REPRISAL BY ANTI-CASTRO GROUPS FOR YEARS TO COME. ACCORDING TO UNNAMED OFFICIAL, GOTT HAS AS MUCH  
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OBLIGATION AS GOB TO PROSECUTE AND IS BETTER ABLE TO

ABSORB COSTS, REPERCUSSIONS, ETC.

3. A LOCAL DIVER (GERMAN NATIONAL) WHO VISITED CUBANA  
DC-8 CRASH SITE SHORTLY AFTER IMPACT HAS TOLD US BARBADOS  
COAST GUARD DID NOT SECURE ACCURATE FIX ON LOCATION DUE TO  
FACT PART OF COAST GUARD PATROL BOAT'S NAVIGATIONAL EQUIP-  
MENT WAS INOPERATIVE. DIVER ALSO STATED BELATED ATTEMPT TO  
BUOY WHAT COAST GUARD BELIEVED TO BE WRECK LOCATION FAILED  
WHEN BUOY LINE WEIGHT FAILED TO HOLD IN SEABOTTOM. SAME  
SOURCE CLAIMED HE HIMSELF HAS ACCURATE FIX (4.2 MILES OFF-  
SHORE).

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